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METHOD TO SET UP A VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL COMMUNICATION

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the heading:

#### **Background of the Invention**

Page 3, before the first full paragraph beginning with "An object", insert the heading:

#### **Summary of the Invention**

Page 10,

before the first paragraph, insert the heading:

#### **Brief Description of the Drawing**

before the second full paragraph beginning with "The working" insert the

heading:

#### **Detailed Description of the Invention**

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

#### Please enter the following amended claims:

- 4. (Amended)The method according to claim 1, characterized in by adapting said plurality of parameters also during said voice over Internet Protocol communication.
- 5. (Amended)The method according to claim 1, characterized in that said air interface is a Universal Mobile Telecommunication System air interface.
- 6. (Amended)The method according toclaim 1, characterized by implementing said second device (T2) by a voice over Internet Protocol gateway.
- 7. (Amended)The method according to claim 1, characterized by implementing said second device (T2) by an Internet Protocol terminal.
- 8. (Amended)The method according to claim 1, characterized in by defining said trade-off according to predefined user preferences of a user desiring to set up said voice over Internet Protocol communication.
- 9. (Amended)The method according to claim 1, characterized in by defining said trade-off according to predefined operator preferences of an operator exploiting said base station (BS).

- 10. (Amended)The method according to claim 1, characterized in that said step of determining said values for said plurality of parameters comprises
- a) defining a plurality of mouth to ear delay versus distortion planes, each plane being associated to a combination of a value for said power budget and a value for said channel code; and
- b) determining in each plane of said plurality of mouth to ear versus distortion planes a numerical model comprising constant-rating curves, each one of said constant rating curves reflecting a user quality of said voice over Internet Protocol communication;
- c) determining working points, in each mouth to ear delay versus distortion plane, for each combination of a number of voice words and a choice for an interleaving scheme whereby a higher number of voice words reflects a higher bandwidth efficiency, said mouth to ear delay being determined in function of detailed information about the characteristics of the different transport stages a packet of said voice over Internet Protocol communication goes through, said distortion being determined in function of different packet loss probabilities; and providing thereby a total set of working points; and
- d) determining according to said desired trade-off an optimal working point out of said total set of working points, said optimal working point being located in a region of one of said mouth to ear delay versus distortion planes, that is bounded by a constant rating curve that reflects said predefined user quality and said optimal working point being associated according to said step c) to a predefined maximum number of voice words.

16. (Amended)A telecommunication network, characterized in that said telecommunication network comprises a device according to claim 12.

## **IN THE ABSTRACT**:

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.

#### **ABSTRACT**

The invention concerns a method to set up a voice over Internet Protocol communication between a mobile terminal (MT) and a second device (T2) whereby the voice over Internet Protocol communication comprises an air interface between the mobile terminal (MT) and a base station (BS) which is coupled via an access network and an Internet Protocol network to the second device (T2). The method comprises a step of determining, according to predefined rules and conditions, during call set-up appropriate values for a plurality of parameters which are characterizing the voice over Internet Protocol communication in order to realize a desired trade-off between a predefined user quality of said voice over Internet Protocol communication and a predefined bandwidth efficiency.

#### **REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **APPENDIX**

#### **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

#### **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification is changed as follows:

Section headings were added on pages 1, 3, 8 and 9.

#### **IN THE CLAIMS**:

The claims are amended as follows:

- 4. (Amended) The method according to any previous claimclaim 1, characterized in by adapting said plurality of parameters also during said voice over Internet Protocol communication.
- 5. (Amended)The method according to any previous claimclaim 1, characterized in that said air interface is a Universal Mobile Telecommunication System air interface.
- 6. (Amended) The method according to any previous claim 1, characterized by implementing said second device (T2) by a voice over Internet Protocol gateway.
- 7. (Amended) The method according to any one of claim 1 to claim 5 claim 1, characterized by implementing said second device (T2) by an Internet Protocol terminal.

- 8. (Amended) The method according to any previous claimclaim 1, characterized in by defining said trade-off according to predefined user preferences of a user desiring to set up said voice over Internet Protocol communication.
- 9. (Amended) The method according to any previous claim 1, characterized in by defining said trade-off according to predefined operator preferences of an operator exploiting said base station (BS).
- 10. (Amended)The method according to any previous claimclaim 1, characterized in that said step of determining said values for said plurality of parameters comprises
- a) defining a plurality of mouth to ear delay versus distortion planes, each plane being associated to a combination of a value for said power budget and a value for said channel code; and
- b) determining in each plane of said plurality of mouth to ear versus distortion planes a numerical model comprising constant-rating curves, each one of said constant rating curves reflecting a user quality of said voice over Internet Protocol communication;
- c) determining working points, in each mouth to ear delay versus distortion plane, for each combination of a number of voice words and a choice for an interleaving scheme whereby a higher number of voice words reflects a higher bandwidth efficiency, said mouth to ear delay being determined in function of detailed information about the characteristics of the different transport stages a packet of said voice over Internet Protocol communication goes through, said

distortion being determined in function of different packet loss probabilities; and providing thereby a total set of working points; and

- d) determining according to said desired trade-off an optimal working point out of said total set of working points, said optimal working point being located in a region of one of said mouth to ear delay versus distortion planes, that is bounded by a constant rating curve that reflects said predefined user quality and said optimal working point being associated according to said step c) to a predefined maximum number of voice words.
- 16. (Amended) A telecommunication network, characterized in that said telecommunication network comprises a device according to any one of claim 12 to claim 15claim 12.

#### IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:

The abstract is changed as follows:

#### **ABSTRACT**

# METHOD TO SET UP A VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL COMMUNICATION

The invention concerns a method to set up a voice over Internet Protocol communication between a mobile terminal (MT) and a second device (T2) whereby the voice over Internet Protocol communication comprises an air interface between the mobile terminal (MT) and a base station (BS) which is coupled via an access network and an Internet Protocol network to the second device (T2). The method comprises a step of determining, according to predefined rules and conditions, during call set-up appropriate values for a plurality of parameters which are

characterizing the voice over Internet Protocol communication in order to realize a desired tradeoff between a predefined user quality of said voice over Internet Protocol communication and a predefined bandwidth efficiency.—(Figure)